

DRESS For SUCCESS!

Graham ISD enforces a student dress code for all students grades K-12. Statistics show a dress code promotes a positive learning environment and removes distractions from our classrooms.

The District's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption and minimize safety hazards. Administrators will have final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the Student Dress Code. Not adhering to the dress code may result in disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

If the principal determines that the student's grooming violates the dress code, the following disciplinary actions shall be taken:

1st violation: A change of clothes shall be required and a warning issued to the student.

2nd violation: A change of clothes shall be required and a warning issued to the student.

3rd /additional violations: A change of clothes, a conference with the principal or designee, and ISS assignment shall be required as well as a report to parents indicating a Code of Conduct violation.

If your child comes to school wearing clothes that violate the dress code or in any other way violates our dress and grooming standards, she or he will be placed in in-school suspension until she or he is in compliance. We will make efforts to notify you as soon as possible, and if the student changes clothes or otherwise comes into compliance with the dress and grooming standards, she or he will return to regular classes immediately.

Jewelry, Tattoos, Body Piercing, and other Accessories

- Students may not wear facial jewelry of any kind, other than non-distracting earrings worn on the earlobe.
- Male students may not wear earrings at all
- Spacers; tapers; gauges or any other devices that serves the same function, such as, but not limited to, ropes, coins, strings etc. may not be worn.
- Any tattoos, including temporary tattoos, must be covered at all times while students are under the school's jurisdiction.
- Students may not wear on the outside of their clothing any jewelry or similar artifacts that are obscene or distracting or that are likely to cause disruption to the educational environment. This includes items hanging from the body or clothing such as chains.

GRAHAM ISD Where Students Come First

Appropriate Grooming

- All students will exemplify grooming standards that project a positive image for the student, school, and District.
- Hair must be clean and neatly groomed and worn in a style that does not cover the eyes.
- Male students must be clean-shaven.
- No facial hair such as beards, moustaches, and goatees, are permitted.
- Sideburns may extend no lower than the bottom of the ear and must be trimmed in a straight line without flares at the bottom

Inappropriate Grooming

The following hair-styles or colorings are inappropriate grooming for any student at school or a school-related or – sanctioned activity:

- Spikes or other sculptured hair styles.
- Neon or other hair colorings or bleaching, whether permanent or temporary, in a shade or tone that the principal determines to be unnatural, such as orange, neon pink, magenta, any shade of blue, any shade of green, violet, purple, white.
- Hair coloring or bleaching for the purpose of creating extreme differences in color, shade, or tone between sections of individual strands of hair or areas of hair on the head.
- Hair coloring or bleaching for the purpose of creating extreme differences in color, shade, or tone between the student's natural and original hair color and the colored or bleached color, shade, or tone.
- Patterns or designs shaved or cut into the hair, e.g., "mohawks," partially shaved heads, etc..

Appropriate Attire

- Male students must wear clean clothing (shirt, slacks, jeans, trousers, shorts).
- Female students must wear clean clothing (dress, blouse, shirt, skirt, slacks, jeans, shorts).
- Sleeveless shirts with 3 finger wide straps or wider are permitted as long as arm holes are tight fitting and all undergarments are covered.
- Pants must be worn with the waist at waist level, and shirts or blouses must be buttoned. All students must wear shoes and appropriate undergarments.
- Students are allowed to wear shorts so long as the length of the shorts is no more than the width of the student's palm above the knee.

Clothing worn at school, school-related or-sanctioned activities may not display printed statements or pictures:

- That are vulgar or obscene
- That are related to or depict sexual activity
- That promote hate or violence in general or are directed at any specific person or group of persons
- That are related to or depict the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

** Clothing, grooming, or any attire that identifies or connects a student with a gang as defined in the Student Code of Conduct is prohibited. The principal will maintain and regularly update a list of clothing, grooming, and other attire that has been identified as gang-related and will make the list available to teachers and parents for review.

Inappropriate or Unacceptable Attire

The following clothing and accessories are inappropriate attire for any student at school or a school-related or –sanctioned activity:

- Shorts or skirts shorter than the width of the student's palm while standing erect.
- Pants worn below the natural waistline or sagging, bagging, or extremely loose pants.
- Shirts or blouses that reveal undergarments or cleavage, midriff length tops that leave exposed skin, or halter tops.
- Exposed undergarments. Bedtime attire, pajamas, undershirts, or undergarments worn as outerwear, e.g., boxer shorts.
- Clothing made of any see-through material, fish net, or very loosely-woven fabric, unless other clothing is worn underneath.
- Shirts or blouses that are split up the side such that the vent or split is unfinished or extends above the natural waistline.
- Clothing with tears or holes that expose areas of the body required to be covered under policy.
- Un-hemmed or cut-off clothing of any kind.
- Muscle shirts, shirts with oversized armholes, or backless shirts, blouses, or tops.
- Any clothing made of Spandex or similar body-hugging fabric or material.
- Leggings may be worn under garments that meet dress code.
- Exterior body coverings such as trench coats, over-sized hoodies, etc.
- Slippers or house shoes.
- Sunglasses, hats, caps or other items used as head coverings worn inside a school building. Exceptions for medical or religious purposes may be obtained from building principal.
- Hair rollers, hair curlers, plastic hair bags, and other similar grooming items worn inside a school building.
- Unnatural eye contacts.